FALLS FROM

Little Eugene Vanlandingham Meets Sudden Death-Vehicle Crushes His Shoulder.

Ernest Vanlandingham, who lives three miles northwest of Molino, and his little son, Eugene, went to Santa Fe Tuesday for a load of lumber and cement. About three o'clock in the afternoon they started for home. As they were going down a hill a half mile west of Santa Fe, at the old Picnic Grounds, the wagon on one side went into a deep rut, and then struck a stump and the father and son were both thrown from the load, a wheel of the vehicle passing over Eugene's shoulder, crushing it, and killing him instantly.

The parents are overwhelmed with sorrow by the sad happening. They have one other child, less than a year old. The mother was Miss Lillie Peak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peak, who lately moved from Mexico to the Vanlandingham home.

Little Eugene was put away yesterday afternoon, funeral at 3:30 at the Christian church in Santa Fe. The members of the stricken home have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

HAZEL LETTER.

H. Hofreighter & Son sold 35 head of 200 lb hogs at \$9.25 to Bob Mundy. Wilbur Shoup had a mare and colt killed by lightning last Saturday

U. S. Gorin was here this week looking after his political fences.

Mrs. Nagel's little son is on the sick list.

Oats and meadows fine since the

Andrew Cauthorn has just built a new porch to his house.

R. P. Brown was on the National Market last week with 3 loads of dan dy cattle, one load, 21 head, topped the market for the week. Weight 1441 pounds, price, \$9.95. 34 head

weighed 1380 and went to \$9.25. The entire shipment sold to Morris & Co. They were on full feed 5 months, Mr. Brown is one of the best feeders in the county. He has 58 more good ones that will be ready soon. These he sold put on a little over 2 lbs a day dur-

J. At Brown is a candidate for Constable of Salt River Township. See his authorized announcement in the Message this week.

ing the five months feed.

John Y. McLean after a visit to his mother here, Mrs. E. A. Ellis, has returned to his home at Kirk, Colorado. Mr. McLean used to be County Assessor of Audrain.

The County Court warns all pool room proprietors that they must obey the law. Their places must not become gambling dens.

Underwear for the Family. THE ENTERPRISE STORE.

Prof. C. C. Rozelle is one of the best thinkers in town; thinks solid, interesting things. He sends in the comments in another column headed: "Bricklayers and Preachers." He does not claim authorship, but "them's his sentiments" and ther're ours, too.

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COUNTY BOARD OF

EQUALIZATION ACTS.

Convened Monday and Increased Assessments on Triple Penalties-Figures in One Case Go From \$500 to \$75,000.

The County Board of Equalization convened Monday. The Board is composed of the following: County Judges Alex Carter, C. C. Bledsoe and J. W. Beagles; County Surveyor R. S. McKinney and County Assessor, T. J. Kelso.

Two important complaints were heard from Vandalia. The parties had attorneys. Prosecuting Attorney A. C. Whitson represented the State, The Board assessed Jeff McCune \$75,000 and Guy McCune \$22,640, on triple penalty, as the Board holds that proper retirns were not duly made to the

An assessment was raised from \$500 to \$75,000 recently.

Roy Creasey of St. Louis is here on a visit to his father, Mason Creasey.

TO CELEBRATE.

The Mexico Catholic church is arranging a picnic for the Fourth of July. It will be held at the Fair speaking and other attractions.

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PRYOR AGAIN

IS CHOSEN.

Superintendent of The Mexico An Exciting Time Near Vandalia Schools,-Has Lately Been Taking Work in Washington University, New York.

The Mexico School Board was in vear.

without salary. His equipment now should enable him to push the Mex-

R. R. Arnold, Jr., has resigned as a Member of the Mexico Eight Mile Road District, His business prevented his giving his duties as a member the attention it required. He was the man for the place and we regret that he felt that he must give up the work.

market last week at \$10.35.

PAINT!

WINDSTORM GIVES SCARE

Also-Nobody Hurt and But Little Damage Done.

The weather was too warm Saturday and it brought a reaction. A session Monday night and the impor- rainfall followed and north of Mexico fered damage.

ico schools further and further to try to near Vandalia. Gardens and fruit trees were whipped clean and north of Vandalia. Corn and oats excited. All Bunny heard was: were greatly damaged.

FROM REV. HOOK.

Hunter, Mo., May 15, 1916,-Editor Message: We are still concerned over the war in Europe. To me it seems that it will not close in years. Judge Alex Carter & Son sold a But now, as a nation, we ought to Grounds. Everybody invited. Public bunch of lambs on the St. Louis shake up Mexico. Wilson, our president, is getting more criticism than I enjoy. He is cool headed and wise. I feel that he will again be president. If he doesn't get the nomination at the St. Louis Convention I hope Champ Clark will.

> Don't know my length of days, but it is to be hoped I live to see Champ President of the United States. If not now, then four years hence.

Blessings to Mexico, the home that is dear to me. Sincerely, W. H. Hook.

CATHOLIC SPECIAL MISSION.

A mission is in progress at the Mexico Catholic church. Fathers Seipert and Hoelling of St. Louis are in charge of the services.

PRAIRIE LEA.

Sunday. Her husband came out for and ever." the week end.

ing, after her very serious iliness. Will Frazer is helping Ferdle Witchie, who is not in good health.

friends from the Lea Sunday.

Monday night.

WOODCRAFT STOIES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Seventh Story.

By L. Roy Ferris.

Doesn't the woods smell sweet after a rain, when the tant action was the selection again of the wind got unpleasantly high A sun comes out? It just looks like the wild grape vine Prof. Herbert Pryor as superintend- house on the J. P. Albright place tries to see how far it can send its perfume. And the ent of the schools for the ensuing west of Molino, was unroofed and honey bee, oh, my, how she does come for a load of honey, other small buildings blown down and she carries large loads, too, not like some boys carry-Mr. Pryor has been in the Washing- George Miller had some property ing wood, but heaps it up and doesn't sit down to rest unton University. New York several wrecked by the wind. One of E. E. til dinner time. Well, this is just the way it was in the months taking advanced work. He is Pierce's barns was unroofed. Taylor woods near the camp when Brother Rabbit stuck his head expected home this week. He has Dowell lost 200 chickens and his hen out from underneath the bunch of grass and looked at the been away at his own request and houses torn down. Many trees suf- clouds to see if the rain were over. Brother Terrapin, who doesn't mind the rain at all, came paddling along the The storm jumped across the coun- path, splashing thru the pools of water caused by the rain.

"I say, Bunny Rabbit, have you heard the news?" Bunny wiggled his ears like he always does when he outbuildings overturned and win- is about to hear something. Before Bunny could answer dows broken out. in the locality Blue Jay, who keeps up with all the news, flew past all

"It serves him right, it serves him right."

"What is wrong?" asked Bunny. "Looks like everybody is going some place"

Here comes Whippoorwill, who rarely ever visits in the daytime. Old Dr. Owl got out of bed after he had been up all night long and had reached home just as the Red Squirrel family were starting out to eat their elm-

bud breakfast. "Come with me," whispered Brother Terrapin, I want to show you something. Do you remember what the camp boy said when he found someone had stolen the bacon?"

"Let me see, let me see," replied Bunny as he wiggled his nose and whiskers. "I believe he said he was going to make a figure four."

"And that is just what he did," says Terrapin. "And I wish you could see who is in it."

They tiptoed along the path, that is, I mean Terrapin did, for Bunny Rabbit always hops along unless he is in a hurry or frightened at something, and every now and then he had to wait until Terrapin could catch up. As Mrs. O'possum went by she giggled and said,

"I see something red down by the big sycamore tree." When Terrapin and Bunny reached the tree there they were all gathered around something that Terrapin called a trap, and whom should they see but Brother Fox between the slats looking so mean and ashamed? His eautiful tail was sticking thru one crack and his nose

thru the other. "Why, bless my heart," said Brother Coon, "what are

you doing here?"

And all Brother Fox could do was to hang his head. Mrs. T. E. Hook visited at the D. Brother Rabbit whispered to Brother Terrapin, "I would L. Rogers home from Thursday ull feel safer if they would keep him there forever and ever

BRICKLAYERS AND PREACHERS.

We yield to nobody in respect for the cloth, but we A little daughter came Sunday to can't help smiling when we read that a New Jersey the home of Geo. Schremp and wife. preacher, after very great reluctance, has at last recon-Mr. Johnson who purchased the ciled himself to the marriage of his daughter with a bricktrawford land is building a house. layer, and given the happy daughter his blessing. Why so The Klotz family entertained much reluctance? we ask when we are informed that the young bricklayer is a very promising person who is Some persons from the Lea at- working his way thru an engineering course and is destended the dance at Mr. Hesterberg's tined to be somebody some day. Indeed, what can be the objection to an honest young bricklayer as such, without regard to potentialities.

With equal reason might not a bricklayer object to his daughter's marrying a preacher? As between preachers and bricklayers, those who occupy the pulpit and those who build the edifice (Jesus himself was a carpenter), and as between preachers' daughters and brickayers' daughters, where does the superiority lie-and is it one to which an humble follower of the meek and lowly Naz-

arene may lay claim?

True a bricklayer never composed a sermen. more did a preacher ever lay a brick, or do a stroke in his life. The point that mainly impresses us, however, is the vast amount of superciliousness and snobbery in a plain democracy. It is a striking characteristic of a plain democracy that there are no humble men in it, and upon the plane of social or political equality each man is better than his fellows. Going back to the marriage of the preacher's daughter to the bricklayer-love is the only leveler of caste; and love in a broader sense is the only salvation of a democracy-

COLORED BOY DROWNED.

Frank Sorrel, colored, 20 years old, was swimming in a pond near Mar- in cranking an auto Monday suffered tinaburg Sunday and took cramps a broken arm. and was drowned.

BREAKS ARM.

Ross Null son of Mrs. Rena Null,

William P. Settle of Cecil, Monroe Born, the 15th inst., to Mr. and County, visited his parents, W. F. Mrs. Will Bradley, southwest of Mex- Settle and wife, of Mexico, returning home today.

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